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In re Application of:)	
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Junichi HAYASHI)	
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Application No.: 10/067,740)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)	December 30, 2005
APPARATUS AND ITS CONTROL	:	
METHOD, COMPUTER)	
PROGRAM, AND STORAGE	:	
MEDIUM)	

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NINTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies the Japanese documents are enclosed, together with English abstracts that are believed to sufficiently summarize the disclosed subject matter.

The listed documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action, dated November 28, 2005, which was issued on a corresponding counterpart application. A copy of that Office Action is also enclosed.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

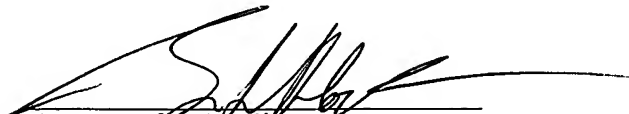
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered and return a copy of the initialed form.

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